

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 301323
ORIGIN SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 R

DRAFTED BY AF/E:GSCOTT:AB
APPROVED BY AF:WHARROP
NSC:PHENZE
S/S-OSVALARGA

-----086374 170236Z /70

P R 170148Z DEC 77
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO PRIORITY
INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
AMEMBASSY CAIRO
AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY ROME
AMEMBASSY BONN
AMEMBASSY JIDDA
AMEMBASSY SANA
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
USINT HAVANA
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 301323

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SO, ET, UR, KE, MOPS, MASS, PBOR, PDEV

SUBJECT: SOMALI MINISTER HUSSEIN ABDULKADIR KASSIM CALLS
ON DR. BRZEZINSKI DECEMBER 8

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 301323

REF: STATE 295102

1. SOMALI MINISTER FOR MINERALS AND WATER RESOURCES, CHIEF
OF THE SOMALI GOODWILL DELEGATION TO THE UNITED STATES SENT
BY PRESIDENT SIAD, CALLED ON DR. ZBIGNIEW BREZEZINSKI ON
DECEMBER 8, 1977. R. POST (AF/E) AND P.HENZE (NSC) ATTENDED.

2. IN PRESENTING SOMALIA'S CASE, MINISTER KASSIM COVERED IN GENERAL THE SAME GROUND THAT HE DID WITH SECRETARY VANCE (SEE REFTEL). HE DID, HOWEVER, COME SOMEWHAT CLOSER TO ADMITTING THE PRESENCE OF SOMALI TROOPS IN THE OGADEN FIGHTING, SAYING AT ONE POINT "OUR FIGHTING IN THE OGADEN HAS DEPLETED OUR RESOURCES CONSIDERABLY."

3. DR. BRZEZINSKI QUESTIONED KASSIM CLOSELY CONCERNING HIS STATEMENT THAT THE SOVIETS HAD A DEFINITE PLAN FOR THE DE-STABILIZATION OF THE ENTIRE REGION. BRZEZINSKI ASKED IF KASSIM'S THESIS WAS NOT BASED ON AN INTELLIGENT INFERENCE AS TO SOVIET AIMS RATHER THAN PRECISE KNOWLEDGE OF A PLAN? HUSSEIN INSISTED THAT THE PLAN WAS A REAL ONE AND THE EVIDENCE CLEARLY POINTED IN THAT DIRECTION.

4. WHILE EXPRESSING SYMPATHY WITH MINISTER KASSIM'S LARGER CONCERN FOR THE AREA AS A WHOLE, DR. BRZEZINSKI REITERATED THAT WE DID NOT BELIEVE IT WAS WISE FOR THE US TO ENCOURAGE LARGE-SCALE TERRITORIAL CONFLICT. HE SAID THAT WHILE THE UNITED STATES DID NOT WANT TO FACILITATE AN ETHIOPIAN CONQUEST OF SOMALIA, ON THE OTHER HAND THERE WAS THE VERY REAL PROBLEM OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. THE US WOULD PREFER TO SEE THE OGADEN PROBLEM SOLVED PEACEFULLY AND WAS ANXIOUS THAT THE OAU EFFORTS TO MEDIATE BE SUCCESSFUL. WE WOULD PREFER THAT ALL FOREIGN POWERS CEASE FROM SUPPLYING ARMS AND ESPECIALLY THE SUPPLYING OF "SPECIALISTS" FOR USE IN THE AREA. THE US BELIEVES THE
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 301323

OAU EFFORT TO MEDIATE IS IN SOMALIA'S OWN BEST INTERESTS.

5. BRZEZINSKI SAID THE US WISHED FOR A SOLUTION WHICH SEPARATED THE OGADEN CONFLICT FROM ANY EFFECT IT MIGHT HAVE ON SOMALIA ITSELF. HE PROMISED TO REPORT THE CONVERSATION TO THE PRESIDENT WHO, HE REMINDED KASSIM, TOOK A CLOSE PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE HORN OF AFRICA.

6. FINAL CALL ON DR. BRZEZINSKI BY MINISTER KASSIM WAS SCHEDULED ON 16 DECEMBER. DR. BRZEZINSKI COULD NOT, HOWEVER, RECEIVE THE MINISTER BECAUSE HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE BEGIN MEETINGS. THE VICE-PRESIDENT GREETED THE MINISTER AND HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE WHITE HOUSE LOBBY AND THEY WERE THEN ESCORTED INTO DR. BRZEZINSKI'S OFFICE WHERE DAVID AARON HELD A BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH THEM WHICH CONSTITUTED, IN EFFECT, AN ANSWER TO SIAD'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER. AARON FOLLOWED THE SAME SCENARIO THAT DR. BRZEZINSKI COVERED IN HIS MEETING, STRESSING OUR FRIENDLY FEELINGS FOR THE SOMALIS, STATING FLATLY THAT WE COULD NOT PROVIDE ARMS WHILE FIGHTING CONTINUED, BUT THAT WE WOULD PROVIDE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND CONCLUDING

BY RECOMMENDING STRONGLY TO MINISTER KASSIM THAT THE SOMALIS TAKE A "PEACE INITIATIVE" TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR GOOD WILL AND COUNTER THE EFFECT OF THE SOVIET AIRLIFT TO ETHIOPIA. HE STRESSED THAT THEY SHOULD STRIVE TO GET AFRICAN HELP IN INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS. HENZE, WHO ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE AARON MEETING, REMINDED KASSIM THAT AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH KENYA AND REASSURE KENYA OF SOMALIA'S RESPECT FOR KENYA'S TERRITORTAL TNTEY-RITY WOULD MAKE A FAVORABLE IMPRESSION IN THE UNITED STATES AS WELL AS IN AFRICA. VANCE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MEETING REPORTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 17-Dec-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 22 May 2009
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE301323
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: GSCOTT:AB
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770470-0533
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19771244/aaaabkoq.tel
Line Count: 125
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: dfd08601-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: 77 STATE 295102
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 08-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 196038
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SOMALI MINISTER HUSSEIN ABDULKADIR KASSIM CALLS ON DR. BRZEZINSKI DECEMBER 8 CONFIDENTIAL
TAGS: MOPS, MASS, PBOR, PDEV, SO, ET, UR, KE, (HUSSEIN ABDULKADIR KASSIM), (BRZEZINSKI, ZBIGNEW)
To: MOGADISCIO
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/dfd08601-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009